

charges and the amount so collected is to be used for augmentation of civic infrastructure.

(e) The Unified Building Bye-laws, 1983 as amended on 21.3.2001 already provides for structural safety features in respect of natural hazard by way of earthquake, for buildings constructed thereafter in Delhi. MPD 2021 further provides that the local bodies concerned should keep updating the building bye laws to safeguard against disasters and ensure effective implementation and the building bye-laws should also incorporate the aspects of multi-hazard safety and retrofitting. MPD 2021 also provides that seismic micro-zonation surveys should be referred to at the time of land use planning and for preparation of Zonal Plans and Layout Plans. In addition, certification of structural safety in respect of tall buildings is also one of the mandatory measures envisaged in the Master Plan and Building bye-laws.

Revision of royalty on coal

†*45. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have demanded immediate hike in royalty on coal;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these States have demanded that the rate of royalty should be based on the value of coal and not the quantity; and

(d) if so, the Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Coal constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (Coal) to examine the issue of revision of royalty rates on coal. The Committee ascertained the viewpoints of all stake holders including State Governments. Most of the coal producing State Governments have requested for fixation of royalty on *ad valorem* basis. After detailed deliberations with all stake holders the Committee submitted its report. The Report is under consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken shortly.

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